

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Independent Claims 1 and 6 have been amended. Claims 13-15 have been previously withdrawn. Claims 1 through 12 and Claim 16 remain pending. New Claims 17-21 have been added.

35 U.S.C. Section 112 Rejections

Independent Claims 1 and 6 have been amended to correct the cited 35 U.S.C. Section 112 rejection.

35 U.S.C. Section 103 Rejections

Paragraphs 4-6 of the above referenced Office Action rejects Claims 1-8 and 9-12 as unpatentable over DeFrasne et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,603,629 (hereafter DeFrasne) in further view of Tu, U.S. Patent No. 6,424,118 (hereafter Tu) under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a). Applicants respectfully traverse. Applicants have amended independent Claims 1 and 6 to more particularly point out aspects of the present invention. Consequently, Applicants respectfully assert that the present invention as recited in amended independent Claims 1 and 6 is not anticipated by the DeFrasne reference.

As recited in the amended independent claims, Claim 1 discloses an apparatus for holding a SIM (subscriber identification module) card for a

personal information device (PID). Claim 1 recites a SIM card door for releasably holding the SIM card, the SIM card door configured to move the SIM card into engagement with the SIM connector when in a closed position. Claim 6 recites a SIM card door rotatably attached to the device housing and a SIM connector mounted on the PCB within the device housing.

Paragraphs 4-6 of the above referenced Office Action relies on a mobile phone SIM card switching unit shown in DeFrasne. DeFrasne shows a planar base for receiving an IC card in a hinged cover. DeFrasne does not teach or suggest a personal digital assistant or personal information device. DeFrasne does not teach or suggest a PCB within a housing for receiving the SIM card.

Paragraph 6 of the above referenced Office Action relies on Tu to show correct the short comings of the DeFrasne reference. Applicants respectfully submit that Tu does not show an apparatus for holding a SIM (subscriber identification module) card for a personal information device (PID). Tu does not show a SIM card door in the housing of a PID for releasably holding the SIM card, wherein the SIM card door moves the SIM card into engagement with the SIM connector when in a closed position.

Applicants point out that the claimed invention as recited in Claims 1 and 6 is not shown or suggested by the combination of DeFrasne and Tu. Applicants assert that the claimed invention recites a personal information device. The claimed invention explicitly recites a SIM card door for a personal information device. The claimed invention explicitly recites the SIM card door rotating the SIM card into contact with a SIM connector on a PCB within the housing of the personal information device.

In contrast, Tu shows a connector as disclosed in DeFrasne mounted on a battery of a mobile phone and on a back cover of a mobile phone. There is no suggestion or teaching within the cited combination of a SIM connector, wherein the SIM card door moves the SIM card into engagement with the SIM connector when in a closed position as in the claimed invention. There is no suggestion or teaching of the incorporation of these features into a personal information device, as shown in, for example, Figure 1 of the present application.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention as recited in Claim 1 and Claim 6 is not rendered obvious by DeFrasne and Tu within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. Section 103.

CONCLUSION

All remaining claims of the present application are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application. Please charge any additional fees or apply any credits to our PTO deposit account number: 23-0085.

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